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REFS: (A) KINGSTON 3664; (B) STATE 117413

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PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1) C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2) DEPT. HAS GIVEN ATTENTION TO FEASIBLE WAYS TO MODERATE INTENSIFYING PRE-ELECTION VIOLENCE AND TO HELP ENSURE REASONABLY FAIR, FREE ELECTIONS. WE AGREE THAT MOST FEASIBLE PROPOSAL WOULD BE AN INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED GROUP TO MONITOR THE ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO THIS OR SIM)LAR PROPOSALS SEEMS TO

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BLOCK THIS OPTION.
3) [redacted]

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4) THE OAS, IN A FEW SPECIAL CASES, HAS SENT GROUPS TO OBSERVE ELECTIONS. BUT SEVERAL OAS MEMBERS HAVE CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE TO AGREE TO OAS INVOLVEMENT IN OBSERVING NATIONAL ELECTIONS. THE ABSOLUTE SINE QUA NON FOR POS-

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SIBLE OAS PARTICIPATION WOULD BE A STRONG REQUEST FROM THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT. EVEN IF SUCH A REQUEST WERE MADE, THEN THE OAS MIGHT AGREE TO SEND INDIVIDUALS IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY TO OBSERVE THE ELECTION.

5) THERE IS SOME LIMITED PRECEDENT FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO OBSERVE ELECTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE IAHRC WAS PRESENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING THE 1965-66 PERIOD BECAUSE THE GODR INSTITUTION ACT PROVIDED FOR AN IAHRC PRESENCE. IN SHORT, IAHRC WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN JAMAICA IS VERY UNLIKELY AND WOULD ONLY BE MADE POSSIBLE BY A MAJOR GOJ ACTION CALLING FOR ITS PRESENCE.

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6) WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OTHER RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL GROUPS, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE UN FRAMEWORK, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OR OTHER BODIES, OBSERVING THE ELECTIONS. IN ANY OF THESE CASES, HOWEVER, THE GOJ WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION.

7) AS REPORTED IN REF (B), WE EXPLORED WITH [redacted] (A) (1) ED

8) [redacted]

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